Today's News - November 5, 2004

Why don't architects get credit in press reports...and does it matter? (We think so.) – Starchitect projects certainly get a lot of ink (and proving profitable for developers' pockets as well). – Will ferries be crossing the (long-hidden) Mersey again? – L.A. River plans roll along. – Pennsylvania river towns making a mark with Main Street programs. – Another development battle brewing on another historic London corner. – U.K. building codes called "eco-timebornb." – A call for design and architecture schools to take the lead in "practicing environmental sustainability and social equity." – A new dorm in Philadelphia has "all the charm of a highway sound barrier." – Glass cancer cracking London windows. – Can Wal-Mart make a good neighbor to Mexican pyramids? – Chicago day care center threatens shrine to skyscraper hero. – Moms are heroes to architectural illustrator (and the writer). – Geddes to be feted at Princeton. – Anything Goes? Hadid to kick off MAD New Technologies & Materials Conference in NYC.

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Press May Ignore Architects, but So Does (Almost) Everyone Else: Why don't architects get credit more often in the press? And does it matter? By Roger K. Lewis - Graham Gund; Douglas Cardinal; Polshek Partnership; GBQC; SmithGroup; Jones & Jones; EDAW- Washington Post

Lifestyles of the Rich (Buyers) and Famous (Architects): ...are "designer buildings" adding quality to New York's urban fabric or just padding developers' pockets? ...it's a little of both. - Meier; Calatrava; Starck; Tsao & McKown; Dubbeldam/Archi-Tectonics; Gwathmey Siegel; Michael Graves [images]- The Architect's Newspaper (NYC)

Town splashes out to reclaim the Mersey: £500m facelift aims to turn 'crap' Stockport into a jewel: planners who oversaw Stockport's last major makeover in the 1960s...hid the Mersey under a shopping centre built on concrete stilts. - Building Design Partnership (BDP)- Guardian (UK)

River Plan Rolls Along: Efforts to revitalize L.A.'s concrete-lined waterway will get a boost as city leaders begin a search for a design consultant.- Los Angeles Times

Beaver County river towns succeed in planning, funding development projects: doing well with their Main Street programs. - Klavon Design Associates- Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Old London stirs: KPF and the battle for Smithfield...where a £150m office development is planned...Fear not, the famous meat market is safe. For now... By Hugh Pearman - Sir Horace Jones (1866) [images]- HughPearman.com (UK)

Codes are 'eco timebomb': BedZed architect warns 'rigid' design codes will create Poundbury mark II and environmental catastrophe - Bill Dunster; Proctor & Matthews-BD/Building Design (UK)

(Re)Defining the Edge: Design and architecture schools can be at the forefront of practicing environmental sustainability and social equity. By Susan S. Szenasy-Metropolis Magazine

Changing Skyline: A dorm helping to doom avenue: ...five-story, two-block-long structure...is one mean, uncongenial work of architecture...all the charm of a highway sound barrier. By Inga Saffron - Burt Hill Kosar Rittelmann Associates [image]-Philadelphia Inquirer

Glass cancer hits Foster's City Hall: Investigators called in after several panels crack...The problem has arisen on many buildings...- BD/Building Design (UK)

Despite months of protests, Wal-Mart-owned store opens near Mexico's pyramids: The dispute in Teotihuacan...has illustrated how the allure of low prices and U.S. lifestyles often wins out in Mexico. (AP)- San Diego Union-Tribune

Day care threatens shrine to skyscraper hero...the late Fazlur Khan, the engineering mastermind of Sears Tower and the John Hancock Center. By Blair Kamin- Chicago Tribune

Sketching the mother of all moms: ...architectural illustrators are not to blame for the fact that so many buildings designed today are not worthy of their talent. By David Brussat - American Society of Architectural Illustrators; A.G. Rizzoli; Chester B. Price- Providence Journal

November 13: Robert Geddes to be honored as Princeton University's first dean of architecture. - Stan Allen; Lance Jay Brown; Michael Graves; Mary McLeod- Princeton Packet

November 12-13: Anything Goes? Form and Function in a Fluid World: First Annual New Technologies & Materials Conference presented by Museum of Arts & Design, NYC - Zaha Hadid; Hani Rashid; Elizabeth Diller; Ross Lovegrove; Sylvia Lavin; Aaron Betsky-Archinect

Second Look: George Washington Bridge Bus Station / Pier Luigi Nervi, 1963: One of Nervi's few completed projects outside Italy is a superb example of the poetry he wrought from ferro-concrete. By Fred A. Bernstein- ArchNewsNow

Exclusive Principal's Report Survey: Is Offshore Outsourcing an Idea Whose Time has Come? By Stephen A. Kliment, FAIA- ArchNewsNow

-- Opening: Cesar Pelli & Associates: National Museum of Art, Osaka, Japan

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